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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY FOR SCOTLAND,
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WHITEHALL, June 4, 1888.

THE following Address of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland having been transmitted by the Right Honourable John Adrian Louis, Earl of Hopetoun, to the Most Honourable Schomberg Henry, Marquis of Lothian, K.T., Her Majesty's Secretary for Scotland, has been by him presented to the Queen, which Address Her Majesty was pleased to receive very graciously:—

May it please your Majesty,

WE, Your Majesty's loyal and dutiful subjects, the Ministers and Elders of the Church of Scotland, now met in General Assembly, beg with all respect and with all heartiness to thank Your Majesty for Your Most Gracious Letter, and especially for the assurance which it conveys to us of Your Majesty's unalterable affection towards the Church of which we are the representatives.

We acknowledge with thankfulness Your Majesty's gracious recognition of the efforts made by our Church in past times, to carry the light and the consolations of religion into the homes of the people of Scotland. And we beg humbly to assure Your Majesty that it is

our desire, and shall always be our endeavour, under the Divine blessing, to abound more and more in the same good work, and to promote to the utmost of our power both the temporal and spiritual well-being of those who are committed to our care.

We hail, with much satisfaction, the appointment for the second time of the Right Honourable the Earl of Hopetoun as Your Majesty's representative in our Assembly. The ability and dignity and kindness with which His Grace discharged the duties of his high office last year, secured for him the high respect of all concerned; and this, we are persuaded, will be amply confirmed on the present occasion.

We receive with gratitude Your Majesty's gift of £2000 for the diffusion of Christian knowledge in the Highlands and Islands of Scotland, and we shall be careful to apply it in such a way as to give the fullest possible effect to Your Majesty's wise and pious intentions.

The day on which we received Your Majesty's Gracious Letter, being Your Majesty's Birthday, it has called forth anew our gratitude to Almighty God for having thus far prolonged Your Majesty's most valuable life; and it is our earnest prayer that He may be graciously pleased still to lengthen out the same, and to bless Your Majesty and make